

Updated for the 2020 Session

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	24,259		24,259	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	24,259		24,259	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

Under this bill the Department of Health and Human Services would be required to provide to children in foster care when they turn 14 years old information, planning and assistance to obtain a driver’s license or identification card as allowed under state law. The information and assistance includes providing the child with a copy of the driver’s manual, identifying driver’s safety course and resources to access a driver’s safety course and identifying potential means to access a motor vehicle. On or before a child in foster care reaches the age of 14 or for any child who enters foster care after the age or 14, the department would be required to provide a copy of the child’s birth certificate. The current requirement is before the child reaches the age of 18 or age 21 for those participating in the Bridge to Independence Program.

In FY 18, there would have been 1,427 children who would have received their birth certificate under the provisions of this bill. It is assumed this would be the number of children annually who would receive their birth certificates. The cost for each birth certificate is \$17. The annual cost would be \$24,259 GF.

It is unclear if the intent is to cover the cost of driver’s licenses and driver safety course. This fiscal note assumes assistance means connection to resources, but not financial assistance. No costs are included for either the licenses or driver safety courses.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2020-2021</u>		<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$48,518		\$48,518	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$48,518		\$48,518	

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 219 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide each youth age 14 or older a copy of their birth certificate upon entering and exiting foster care. In SFY 2018, there were 1,427 youth who will receive their birth certificate at a cost of \$17 per certificate for a total cost of \$48,518 (all general funds). It is estimated that these costs will be similar each year.

The bill does not provide a definition for “assistance” regarding the section requiring foster families to provide “assistance” to youth 14 and older about obtaining a driver’s license. The Department interprets this to mean that financial assistance to families is already provided in the foster care maintenance payment. However, if it is interpreted that additional financial assistance will be required, DHHS could be obligated to pay for driver’s education for all out of home youth age 15 or older (1,074 in 2018) at a cost of \$350 per class. Total costs will be \$375,900 (all general funds) in the first year. It is assumed that each following year, ¼ of the similar number of youth will be taking the class (268 in total) for an ongoing cost of \$93,800 per year. The N-Focus payment system will need changes to add the additional field. Total cost will be \$4,485 (all general funds) in FY 2021.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2020-2021 EXPENDITURES	2021-2022 EXPENDITURES
	20-21	21-22		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$48,518	\$48,518
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$48,518	\$48,518